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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

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AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK)

SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK: POSSIBLE VISIT TO RHODESIA

REF: LUSAKA 1547; DAR 3010

1. PURPOSE OF CHONA SUGGESTION WAS NOT TO ENABLE CODEL TO MEET WITH ANC LEADERS WHO WILL BE PRESENT IN ZAMBIA BUT WITH IAN SMITH AND OTHER LEADERS OF RHODESIAN WHITE COMMUNITY. WE SUSPECT MOTIVE BEHIND CHONA SUGGESTION WAS HIS HOPE THAT CODEL MIGHT BE ABLE CONVINCE SMITH AND HIS ADVISERS THAT CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE ON THEIR PART IS ERODING ANC PATIENCE AND WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO GROWTH OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN AREA UNLESS UPCOMING VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE TALKS PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

2. IN OUR EXPERIENCE CHONA REFLECTS VIEWS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. PRESIDENT STILL TOURING WESTERN PROVINCE AND WE UNABLE TO CHECK WITH HIM PERSONALLY UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN TO LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL STILL SEEKING APPOINTMENT FOR CODEL WITH PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 25 OR 26 BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE LET US KNOW UNTIL PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

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3. IN LIGHT ABOVE, LEAVE IT TO CODEL'S DISCRETION

WHETHER HE WISHES TO INCLUDE SIDE TRIP TO SALISBURY
IN HIS SCHEDULE. IF HE DOES, ARRANGMENTS FOR
RHODESIAN VISIT WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND UPON WHEN
SENIOR RHODESIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE IN SALISBURY AS WE
ASSUME SMITH AND MANY OF HIS CLOSE ADVISERS MAY BE AT
VICTORIA FALLS FOR TALKS WITH ANC THIS WEEKEND.

4. EMBASSY PRETORIA MAY WISH COMMENT.
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